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NOTICES

Inasmuch as I have been appointed district pastor of the Rock Hill district, I take this method of notifying all the churches in this district, including Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Lando, and Great Falls, that the last Assembly ruled that every member of the Church of God must pay 40c to help pay off the General Indebtedness at Headquarters. If you pay 40c this time you will not be asked to pay any more after this on the present General Indebtedness. This is the final drive and we want this before Christmas. If you are a member of Rock Hill Church of God, send your 40c to C. E. McAbee, 420 Anafree St., Rock Hill, S. C., or to the clerk of the church. If you are a member at Fort Mill, send your 40c to W. S. Lee, pastor, Fort Mill, S. C. If you are a member at Lando, send your 40c to Brother Patterson, pastor, or clerk. If you are a member at Great Falls, send your 40c to Vernon McCormick, Lando, S. C. Come on, churches in this new district, and let's put this over the top. Let us be among the first to go over the top in South Carolina.—Your brother in Christ, C. E. McAbee, district pastor, 420 Anafree St., Rock Hill, S. C.

To the ministers, churches and friends in Mississippi, greetings. We are now waging a final drive throughout the state to pay off the General Indebtedness. Now please, brethren and friends, let us make a final effort and forever lift this burden from our shoulders. If I can assist you, drop me a line. Who will be first to reach the goal? Let's set Jan. 30 as the final day of victory.—T. M. McClendon, state overseer of Mississippi.

I would like to hear from Brother Riley McConnal, last heard of at Sweetwater, Tex. I wrote him two letters and both came back. I want to write him and would like to know his correct address.—Your brother, Ross Hill, Rt. 3, Box 44, Tucson, Ariz.

To all the churches and pastors in Virginia, greetings. This is to notify you that we are to raise 40c per member in our state for the General Indebtedness at Headquarters. This is a ruling passed by the last Assembly and I am asking every pastor to get on the job and let's raise this amount at once. Brother Boehmer tells me we have 1,617 members in the state of Virginia. The amount we will have to raise will be \$646.80 and if we don't raise it we will have to pay interest on it till we do, but I know we can raise it. I am asking all the churches to have watch night service and put on a special drive to raise this quota of 40c per member. You may say, "There are names on our books we can't find. Will we have to raise that?" Yes, you will have to raise 40c for each name on your

register. We all have this to contend with but we must go over the top. We have it here at Schoolfield but some of the folks who don't belong to the church at all have paid in 40c to help us out. They will do the same for you if you will ask them. I am sure every loyal minister and member in the state of Virginia will do his or her best and help us go over the top with this drive. Let's do our best to raise our quota by the first of the year. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this drive, I am yours for the Master, I. H. Brabson, overseer of Virginia.

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

I think the general indebtedness drive now on the most complete plan yet. First, because it is equal to just 40c for each member. Second, because it is final. When we pay our 40c we are forever thru with this. So come on, each member in North Carolina, let's pay ours today and be thru, as I am made to wonder if Whittington of South Carolina is not rushing his state to be the first. He always would do that way and will bear watching. We are asking each pastor to take this in charge. See that each member pays his 40c, and should there happen to be a member of yours indeed not able to pay their 40c, see that it is made up by the congregation, thru the young people's meeting, or the Sunday School, and when you have collected to the amount of 40c from each member of your church, then mail your total to Y. E. McLamb, Box 546, Erwin, N. C. When each church has done this, then we'll mail at once the grand total from North Carolina to Headquarters, D. V.

Which church in the state will be first? —John L. Stephens, overseer of North Carolina.

We are back in the West again in the evangelistic work. We stand foursquare for the Church of God. Any one in the West desiring our help in a revival, let us know. We have a car and it doesn't cost so much to travel. We have two guitars for music. For reference write Brother Latimer.—Amelia Bowes and son and Isabell Rickman.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of Dewey Long please send me his address. He is supposed to be in eastern Kentucky. He left home Aug. 15 and his wife wants to hear from him as his family is greatly in need of support.—Oscar Mitchell, Dawson Springs, Ky.

CORRECTION:—Thru a mistake the address of the clerk of the Church of God at Memphis, Tenn. is given in the 1933 Minutes as Clarksville, Tenn. when it should be Oakville, Tenn.—General Secretary.

To whom it may concern: My address is now Rt. 2, Ranger, Ga.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, clerk of the Church of God at Ludville, Ga.

To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Potasi, Mo. to Rt. 1,

Brighton, Mo.—W. D. Swartz.

To all members of the Church at Toledo, Ohio scattered abroad: Please send your 40c on General Indebtedness to the clerk, Brother D. Carder, 1127 Champlain St., Toledo, Ohio. We wish to go over 100 per cent in this drive.—Respectfully your pastor, B. O. Rosenbaum, 230 Cherry St.

The Church of God at Biltmore, N. C. wishes to know the spiritual condition of the following: Louise Brewster, Ethel Farmer, Della Griffin, P. G. Lunsford, Mrs. E. M. Pattalo. If not heard from by Jan. 1st their names will be dropped.—Clerk, Gertrude Briggs, Fairview Rd., Biltmore, N. C.; pastor, C. H. Shaw.

To the Church of God in Pennsylvania: As Brother Poteat has appointed me assistant overseer of Pennsylvania, I am taking this method to reach each church in the state with a few words. I will ask every church in the state to be prompt in making your reports to Headquarters and also to Brother Poteat. Send all of the tithes that go to the state overseer to Brother Poteat, 174 Concord St., Manchester, N. H., and if it would not be asking too much of the churches, I think it would be fine if each local church would take a special offering for him and mail it to him as a Christmas present. If there is a worthy man anywhere, Brother Poteat is one. He is now going into new fields and working places where others would be afraid to go. If the Church will stand by him and Jesus carries a few more years and Brother Poteat continues his work in the New England States, the Church of God will be well represented there. Feel free to write me at any time, I will be at your service when you need me.—J. R. Thomas, 1012 Rosina St., Somerset, Pa.

The churches of the Durham district are cordially invited to be present at the home coming at Erwin, N. C. the fifth Sunday in this month. Be sure to come and bring a well filled basket. The ministers are especially invited to be present at 9:30 for council meeting.—A. J. Butler, district overseer, Dunn, N. C., Rt. 5.

Any one having a gospel tent for sale please write me at once, giving exact condition and size of tent. Give full details in first letter.—Respectfully, R. L. Rexrode, Kempton, W. Va.

To all bishops, overseers, pastors and churches of the Church of God colored work: Owing to a ruling of the past General Assembly, that the General Overseer, S. W. Latimer, set all dates relative to conventions and our Assembly, it is imperative that our Assembly begin a week earlier, and in order to cooperate with the foregoing rule, I advise that the Bishops' Council begin April 6, 1934, D.V., at 10:00 a. m. It was advised that all bishops attending the Assembly (colored), if they failed to be on time at the opening of the Council, the same be fined

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Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

Text: "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelation, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure," 2 Cor. 12:7.

INTRODUCTION

If we are to understand what is here meant, we can best arrive at what is the truth of the situation by discussing it under the following heads: 1. What was the thorn? 2. Its purpose. 3. Its results materially. 4. Its benefit spiritually.

THE THORN

No stronger meaning, definition or explanation can be given than what is here set forth in the language of the text itself, which according to the etymology of the word used for thorn (Gr. "skolops") means a pointed piece of wood, a pale, a stake (Num. 33:55; Ezek. 28:24; Hos. 2:6). The reference is to the piercing of a thorn or splinter as if stuck into the flesh; to jag and to annoy. Therefore, we may understand it to read, "There was given unto me a thorn to pierce my flesh." Some commenters see in it "a constant bodily ailment or infirmity, which, even when Paul had been caught up in a trance to the third heaven, sternly admonished him that he still dwelt in a frail and mortal body. Hesiychius says, "The more usual meaning is 'a sharp stake'." The impalement of the stake was coupled with crucifixion and leads us to believe that "St. Paul's agonies were an impalement or crucifixion of sensual impulses and earthly ambitions." These, however, cannot be separated from other of his own mentioned infirmities, persecution, etc. Others hold that it was "acute and disfiguring ophthalmia" caused by the blinding glare of light on the road to Damascus. To me this is a poor interpretation of what I think the apostle relates concerning this thorn.

THE ANGEL OF SATAN

From the apostle we learn that "there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me." The

Greek text gives it "the angel Satan" and a more literal translation would be "a thorn for the flesh." Therefore, "the thorn for the flesh" was "the angel Satan." We may therefore expect a multiplicity of devilish actions to result from such a thorn. The angel Satan was allowed to "buffet" the apostle. There is no article in the Greek, hence the angel was Satan himself. What we have therefore, literally, is that Satan was allowed to "buffet" Paul. The word for "buffet" comes from the Greek word "kolaphidzo" and means to "give a blow with the fist." It occurs elsewhere in Matt. 26:67; Mark 14:65; 1 Cor. 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:20. This was not the work of any ordinary thorn, affecting only the physical man, though it might also operate in that channel or direction also. It was something that had the tendency of humiliating and abusing the apostle by causing spiritual depression and bodily ailments.

PAUL PRAYED THAT IT MIGHT DEPART

"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me," V. 8. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." It was not best for Paul for this thorn to depart. It afforded him an opportunity to appropriate and receive more grace. It further afforded God a chance to manifest His grace through the channel of human weakness. It worked an ultimate good for the apostle and resulted in increasing glory unto God.

ITS PURPOSE

The apostle had many wonderful visions and revelations from the Lord. He could speak of a certainty concerning those things which God had revealed unto him and done by him. Rom. 15:18. Yet, lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given unto me a thorn in the flesh. The revelation was the outflowing and work of the ever blessed Holy Spirit or treasure which the apostle possessed in an earthen vessel. 2 Cor. 4:7. Therefore, to ever remind him of this

fact, and that the fleshly element or human principle might ever be abased and the spiritual powers exalted, there came the constant smiting blow of the Satan angel. Who has not felt his blows in some way? Who has not felt the devilish sting of Satan as he buffeted them? But if we have been buffeted by him and humiliated as a result, who of us have not been benefited spiritually afterward? The church bell hangs upon its tower, there is no music there until it is struck by the blow of the gong or hammer, then there rolls out tons of sweet musical tones from the bell that was struck, calling God's sheep to worship.

God has a special purpose in allowing Satan to buffet you, as He also had in allowing St. Paul to be thus buffeted. The whole purports His loving purpose, that you may, during your Satanic conflict, come to Him for more grace, that it may be made "perfect in weakness." After your humiliation and temptation at the hand of Satan, you burst forth into song and praise unto God for the victory and blessings obtained through our Lord Jesus Christ. The whole place around you is charged with power divine, grace pervades the very air around about you; others are made anxious and happy by your song and presence. But it began by humiliating you before Satan. Yet it may not be long until you are buffeted by him again. God wants you to have faith, and constant conflict in which He always gives the victory, gives faith, enlarges your usefulness and prevents exaltation by helping you to see yourself in the light in which God sees you. Rom. 12:3.

Through grace God provides for us to think soberly, that our faith may not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. God's promise to give us power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy cannot be properly exhibited or manifested in our lives except thru Satanic conflict. Thus the purpose of God is made manifest in the life of St. Paul who allowed him to be buffeted by Satan. God wants to show us off, but if He cannot use us while we are tested He dare not put us on exhibition. Some of you every time you feel a little forsaken you run get your crutches. God has always several of them in each church, whom he uses to carry the burdens of others and to pray them through to vic-

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ATHEISM ON INCREASE

D. M. Panton writing in The Down states that at an anti-religious congress recently held in Paris attended by three thousand delegates it was stated that the

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tion of the Jew and dominancy of the Christian church is entirely anti-Christian. Any of the beauties of Christ's paintings or mission assumed by him is certainly blasphemy.

Crime

Announcing that the subject of Crime is the gravest moral issue the nation has ever faced, and one of the greatest, if not the greatest, economist problem with which the American people have ever had to contest, Mr. Patrick J. Hurley, former Secretary of War of the United States, called a National Anti-Crime Conference at Washington, D. C., October 12-14, under the sponsorship of The National Council of 76. The purpose of this conference was to develop the best ways of combating lawlessness, and to focus the attention of the people on the gravity of the present crime situation, which General Pershing has characterized as "a crisis as great as the crisis of the World War."

Newspaper accounts of lawlessness are of such daily occurrence that crime is accepted as a necessary fact in daily life. Few realize its tremendous growth and its frightful implications.

Every year 12,000 people are murdered, 3,000 kidnaped, 100,000 assaulted, and 50,000 robbed in the United States—and the number is increasing every year. The annual murder rate since 1890 has increased almost 50 per cent. Annually 49,000 homes and other places are burglarized, and 5,000 are burned, the loss due to these incendiary fires amounting to more than \$100,000,000, and the number of burglaries and incendiary fires is increasing every year.

The illicit traffic in narcotics costs the American people more than two billion dollars a year—five times what it cost to build the Panama Canal. Through expenditures for the prevention and punishment of crime, the maintenance of jails and penal institutions, and the loss of property by fraud or destruction by arson, the annual crime bill of the American people amounts to thirteen billion dollars, a good part of which is met by increased taxation. This stupendous sum of \$13,000,000,000 is more than three times the annual cost of maintaining the Federal Government.

In 1929, at the peak of our prosperity, the three leading industries of the country were: (1) Motor Vehicles, \$3,722,793,274; (2) meat packing, \$3,434,654,098; (3) steel works and rolling mills, \$3,365,788,805. However, America's biggest industry of racketeering, which, organized on a nation-wide scale, under the leadership of some of the country's most notorious criminals, corrupt politicians, and unscrupulous lawyers, is costing the American people twelve to eighteen billion dollars a year, which is from five to seven and a half times the amount spent annually by the Federal Government and the forty-eight states of the Union on the public schools of the Nation.

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And He Opened His Mouth in Blasphemy Against God, Rev. 13:6

According to Literary Digest, Oct. 7, 1933, and from the pen of Mr. Stanley High writing from Berlin, he states, "The politics of National Socialism to a National socialist has a Divine origin and Hitler, a Messianic mission." "In Berlin one of the large art shops a long Unterden-Linden has a portrait of Hitler in the center of its display window entirely surrounded as though by a halo with various copies of the paintings of Christ." Can you imagine one so bitter against the Jews as is Herr Hitler, tho reported to be a Jew himself, in any sense assuming a Messianic type or any association with Jesus Christ, who instead of scattering, brow-beating and destroying the persecuted Jew, promised to regather them into their own land? The word "Messiah" in the Hebrew means "Anointed" and if Herr Hitler has any anointing it is not of the Holy Spirit but from the underworld as his mission everywhere attests that fact. His destruc-

The Mystery of Iniquity

By H. V. MILLER

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ANTICHRIST

THE mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now (hindereth) will (hinder) until he be taken out of the way. THEN SHALL THAT WICKED BE REVEALED—who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God—EVEN HIM WHOSE COMING IS AFTER THE WORKING OF SATAN. 2 Thess. 2:7; 4:9.

The mystery of iniquity, as seen proceeding from the personality of Satan has been outlined in a former article. The above quoted scripture portrays the embodiment of iniquity in the person of a man—one "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God;" that is, ANTICHRIST.

Of Jesus it is written, "In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Similarly, Antichrist or Satan's christ is to have embodied in himself the fulness of Satanic iniquity. In the short time (Rev. 12:12) that Satan is to be cast down into the earth it may well be that he will enter into the person of a man, perhaps a man who is even now alive, thus qualifying and emerging this superman to consummate the above Word. Jesus in undertaking man's redemption as the Christ of God, "took upon himself the form of man" being for the time incarnated or embodied in a body of flesh. Antichrist will be Satan in the person of a man taking his last wrathful stand as the enemy of "all that is called God." 2 Thess. 2:4, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea," for the devil is come down unto you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12.

Much that has been said on this subject of Antichrist has become out of date with the passing of months and years. Speculative thinking is ever on the lookout to discern in current history the fulfillment of what is written in the Word of God.

Christians in the first 300 years of the gospel dispensation looked upon as Antichrist the successive Roman Emperors under whom many suffered martyrdom. They were persecuted by the Emperors. Claudius Nero, Domitus Nero, Trajan, Marcus Arulius, Decius and others. The last of the persecutions began under the Emperor Dioclesian and came to an end with the ascendancy of Constantine in A. D. 313. The Christian cause was done more hurt by the kindness of Constantine than by the wrath of his predecessors. Dioclesian applied to himself the title of Dominus or 'Lord' taking his place among the gods. Under his reign a system of price fixing was resorted to after a session of famine and scarcity. Milman, in his Church History (1855) says, "The all pervading government aspired to regulate

the prices of all commodities, and of all interchange whether of labour or of bargain and sale, between man and man." So we see that government price fixing is no new thing but was resorted to as far back as 300 A. D.

The Emperor Caligula, reigning just before the Neros, "commanded himself to be worshipped as god, and temples to be erected in his name, and used to sit in the temples among the gods, requiring images to be set up in all temples and also in the temple of Jerusalem." Of the second of the Neros i. e. Domitus, one writer asserts, "So prodigious a monster of nature was he, (more like a beast, yes rather a devil than a man), that he seemed to be born to the destruction of men." The Roman historian, Tacitus (A. D. 100) describes the persecution under Nero, "In their deaths they were made the subjects of sport, for they were covered with the hides of wild beasts, and worried to death by dogs, or nailed to crosses, or set fire to, and when the day declined were burned to serve for nocturnal lights. * * * Nero had offered his own garden for exhibition." Another writer says, "Many there were of the Christians in those days, who seeing the filthy abominations and intolerable cruelty of Nero, thought that he was Antichrist."

Even before the beginning of the Christian era there were personages who had embodied in themselves the qualities of the one described in God's Word as the "man of sin" 2 Thess. 2:3. Such a one was the Syrian conqueror Antiochus Epiphanes, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in the year 170 B. C. profaning the temple and compelling the Jews to offer up a swine in sacrifice upon Jehovah's sacred altar. Daniel the prophet, in part described the attributes and acts of the coming Antichrist under the type of this Gentile desecrator. Concerning this king, Antiochus, the Jewish historian, Josephus, writing in the second century, says, "And when the king had built an idol altar upon God's altar he slew swine upon it, and so offered a sacrifice neither according to the law, nor the Jewish religious worship in that country. He also compelled them to forsake the worship which they paid their own God, and to adore those whom he took to be gods; and made them build temples, and raise idol altars in every city and village, and offer swine upon them every day. He also commanded them not to circumcise their sons—." But the best men, and those of noblest souls, did not regard him * * * on which account they every day underwent great miseries and bitter torments, for they were whipped with rods, and their bodies were torn to pieces, and were crucified, while they were still alive and breathed. They also strangled those women, and their sons whom they had

circumcised * * hanging their sons about their necks as they were upon the crosses. And if there were any sacred book of the law found, it was destroyed, and those with whom they were found miserably perished also." (Joseph. Antiquities Book 12 Chap. 5.)

"The Sidonians living in Shechem sent a message to this king addressed, 'To king Antiochus, THE GOD, Epiphanes.'" — (Josephus.)

In later centuries the 'little flocks' of God's people faced new sources of opposition and persecution. Those who suffered for the faith of Jesus at the hands of the pagan ecclesiastical system which sought to dominate Christendom through the ages of darkness, felt that they could see in the Roman Popes the attributes of the "wicked one," who was to come. One ancient writer declared, "The spot on earth where all iniquity met and overflowed was the pontiff's seat." Luther once said, "If there be a hell, Rome is built above it: it is an abyss from whence all sins proceed." Later he said that "once he was ignorant that the Pope was Antichrist; but since God had restored the light of the Gospel to the world he was of a far different opinion." In 1516, Zwingle, preached in Zurich declared, "I mean to preach the Gospel—and that will shake Rome. The Pope must fall." About the same time, John Leclerc, in France, "boldly proclaimed the Pope to be the Antichrist whom the Lord would consume with the spirit of his mouth."

With the passing of years attention was turned in another direction. It centered for a time upon Napoleon Bonaparte as the iniquitous person of prophecy. Much has been written to identify him as Antichrist. We now hear such names as Mussolini of Italy, Stalin of Russia, Hitler of Germany, Kemel of Turkey, and other present day national dictators, being suggested as in line to the fulfilling of many of the predictions concerning Antichrist. The numerical value of the respective names of most of those above mentioned has in one way or another been reckoned up as 666, the number by which Antichrist is to be identified according to Rev. 13:18.

It is well that Christian's should be alert to what is taking place in their generation, and it is not to be wondered at that those who are eagerly expecting the fulfillment of prophecy should ever be seeking to establish connection between the events of their particular generation and the predictions of the Word of God. When the time arrives for the revealing of Antichrist he will be UNMISTAKABLY revealed. Until that time attention should be chiefly centered in the REVEALED, rather than the speculative teaching on the subject. That which is basic and unchangeable on the subject is unveiled to us by divine revelation in the Word of God. This we may KNOW.

Antichrist is revealed as the enemy of God; the opposer. The prefix "Anti" means in opposition to or against. Thus we see in Antichrist, the one in whom opposition to Christ is brought to the full.

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God." 2 Thess. 2:4.

His reign is to be a time of woe for the inhabitants of the earth, though in its beginning it will appear to hold promise of good things. "Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth * * * for the devil is come down unto you having great wrath for he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12.

Humanity today faces a crisis. The time honored foundations of society are crumbling and human leadership is wildly grasping to lay hold of some new basis on which to stand. Great minds are wrestling with problems so involved as to defy human solution. "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:26. The world awaits a

deliverer, a master mind; a superman to step into the gap and save the race from the collapse of its own folly. The world is ready to bow down to the genius who shall come to them as Messiah, taking the tangled threads of human affairs and binding them into the cable of stability. God sent deliverance to the earth in the person of Christ Jesus, but carnal minds ignored the divine plan to restore righteousness and happiness to all mankind, and rejected the Kingdom (or rulership) of heaven, saying, "We will not have this man to reign over us." Luke 19:14. When the hour of climax arrives Satan will send HIS christ to relieve the world's confusion. He "coming in his own name," John 5:43, will be received, hailed as Messiah, and worshipped as God. But those who know God will recognize him as Anti-christ.

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From Militant Atheism to the Militant Church

By MARTIN S. CHARLES

A REMARKABLE ACCOUNT OF THE SAVING POWER OF CHRIST

IN rehearsing what God has done for us we have no desire to exalt ourselves, for we realize that we are only sinners saved by grace; in fact we were worse than ordinary sinners, for we were soul destroyers. We feel we can say with Paul, who after a long life of service, said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Not many months have passed since I was reclaimed from more than twelve years of militant infidelity, since Brother Underwood and I were openly avowed blasphemers of God. Only the infinite love, and mercy, and miraculous power of God could have abounded to such godless men as Ralph Underwood and Martin S. Charles. Like the Apostle Paul we felt we were doing right in opposing Christianity. We called ourselves humanitarians and believed we were serving the cause of humanity; we felt that in fighting supernaturalism we were contributing to the onward march of civilization.

WE WERE THOROUGHLY SINCERE in believing as we did. It is difficult for those who have been Christians all their lives and never been touched by skepticism to realize it is possible for people to be absolutely godless; but such we were. We are called converted atheists.

Some one asked me not long ago what was the difference between an infidel and an atheist. All atheists are infidels but not all infidels are atheists. An infidel is one who rejects the Christian religion, rejects the supernatural character and in-

spiration of the Bible, though he may believe in God. He may profess to believe that there is something behind the phenomena of nature. Another variety of infidel is one who refuses to accept anything that is contrary to reason. To him reason is supreme. He refuses to accept anything that does not conform to reason, observation or experience. Of course all atheists are rationalists; they exalt the human, the intellect, and absolutely refuse to believe in the supernatural. It is very obvious that you cannot be a Christian and a rationalist at the same time, because if you are a Christian you must believe many apparently unreasonable things. The Apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:14, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." And we are told in Job that man cannot by reasoning find out God. A Christian

MUST BELIEVE IN THE MIRACULOUS: the rationalist does not. The freethinker is another variety of infidel, but the freethinker is practically the same as a rationalist. He is mentally free with his thinking; is not bound by creed or dogma. He reads the Bible just as he would any other book, but rejects what is unreasonable. An atheist is an infidel, a rationalist and a freethinker all bound up into one and multiplied by ten. He not only denies the existence of God, not only rejects the Bible as a revelation from God, but denies that the spiritual can and will exist; everything in the universe proclaims it to be blind and unconscious.

Brother Underwood and I were atheists. We were members of the American

Association for the Advancement of Atheism, of the American Rationalist Association, and I was general secretary of the International League of the Militant Godless. Very few Christians today have any idea of the extent to which atheism is spreading over the world. Up to about fourteen years ago there was no such thing in the world as an organized atheistic movement. There have been atheists from time immemorial. There has always been the village infidel. Those of you who have been born or reared in small communities will remember the innkeeper, some lawyer or doctor who was an infidel, but an organized atheistic movement is comparatively new. Today there is a

WORLD UNION OF MILITANT ATHEISTS

numbering twelve to fifteen million members. Now when I say "organized atheists" I mean only those who belong to an aggressive, fighting world organization. I am not speaking of individuals.

You have all heard of godless Russia. Atheism has so far triumphed in the Soviet Union that the Militant Union of the Godless of U.S.S.R. numbers 3,500,000. You cannot join the organization unless you pledge yourself that you will oppose Christianity at every opportunity you have. In connection with these five million five hundred thousand members of the godless organization, there is a Young People's Auxiliary organization of more than two million, making a total of seven and a half million members of the Militant Atheist Society in Russia alone. Not only that, but atheism has so far triumphed in Russia that it is against the law of the land to teach religion to anyone under the age of eighteen. You can imagine what chance the children and the young people will have of becoming Christians in a program like that. And further, every school-teacher must be an atheist. A Christian would have no chance of getting a position in any of the schools there. Of course, in order to join the Communist party you must be an atheist. All Communists are atheists, but not all atheists are Communists. Brother Underwood and I were active only

IN THE ATHEISTIC FIELD

We were not concerned with Communism. But do not think all the atheists are in Russia. At least half of them are, but the other half are scattered throughout Europe and America.

There is scarcely a college or a university in America today that has not its atheistic organization. It may be secret or it may be open, but it exists. And you will be surprised to know there are tens of thousands of atheistic students in our high schools and junior colleges. I happen to know something about that, because my son, who now is eighteen years of age, was secretary of the Junior Atheistic Society in Los Angeles, Calif. In the United States there are perhaps a quarter of a million organized unbelievers in the various societies.

As I stated, I was secretary of the International League of the Militant Godless, that is, the American branch of the

world union with headquarters at Moscow. I was editor of *The Godless World*, which reached a circulation of nearly 3,000 copies per month. Approximately a quarter of my subscribers were from Chicago. You would be surprised to learn how many atheists and units there are in Chicago. You can go out in your car and stop

AT A HUNDRED STREET CORNERS
and hear atheistic speakers. One night as we rode along we noticed speakers on three different corners; two of them we recognized as old cronies of ours. This is not the first time Ralph Underwood and I have been in Chicago; as a matter of fact, he practically grew up there. When he was not quite fourteen years of age he became an atheistic street speaker. I met him almost six years ago. I was helping to organize a rationalistic local, and walking out one evening I saw a great crowd of people gathering. I heard the people laughing, and I thought, "Whoever that speaker is, he certainly has this crowd with him." When I got up on the inside circle I saw standing on a packing case a little black-headed, dark-eyed fellow, seventeen years old, and I do not believe I ever heard more vitriolic blasphemy than I heard that night, and it was of such a droll humor it had the crowd. When he had finished he sat down on the box and sold Ingersoll's books and pamphlets. At the close I went up to him and introduced myself. After awhile we teamed up. We went to New York and Boston and across to San Francisco, and for five and a half years after that we worked together in anti-religious work.

We are back in Chicago now because we promised God when we were saved that if He would lead us and open the way we would go back to every town and city in the United States where we had held atheistic meetings.

GIVE OUT TESTIMONIES

and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to warn God's people of the significance of the spread of atheism over the world. Do not think that it is not spreading. Like a mighty tidal wave it is spreading throughout our educational institutions so that our children today in the high schools and even in the grammar schools are being contaminated with the poison of infidelity, while colleges and universities suffer from its degradations. And in the theological seminaries it is so bad that seventy-five per cent of graduates from our modern theological seminaries come out infidels, with "Rev." in front of their name. What is the meaning of it all? There is a very vital relationship between this spread of atheism, which is world-wide, and the soon Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As an organizer for the different atheistic societies and editor of *The Godless World*, I was in direct correspondence with the International Headquarters in Moscow. I could show you correspondence I received from Moscow concerning activities in Russia, China, Italy, Japan, France and all over the world. But I am praising God that two men at least have

been rescued from the awful blight of atheism. The tragedy of it is that ninety per cent of infidelity can be laid at the door of

THE PROFESSING CHURCH

Take Russia for example—Russia, where atheism is supreme, where every government official, every member of a ruling party, every teacher and every college professor is atheist, and perhaps ninety per cent of the working classes. * * *

But this condition is clearly prophesied in the Word of God. I marvel now that I did not see it before, but the infidel knows nothing about prophecy. God in His mercy has opened my eyes. Brother Underwood and I feel that God has given to us a unique ministry, and we want to warn Christians of the spread of militant atheism throughout the world. We hope to confirm their faith, and if any have been tempted to doubt the inspiration and the supernatural in the Word of God, to show them the folly of unbelief; we will show that infidelity leads to despair and hopelessness. Both Underwood and I have upon different occasions stood upon street corners and taken out our watches, held them up in our hands and given God thirty or sixty seconds

TO STRIKE US DEAD,

and when nothing happened we would say, "See, there is no God. Why does He not strike us dead as He struck Uzzah and others according to Old Testament records?" Friends, the atheist and the infidel are generally the hardest people to reach with the Gospel of Christ. That is why you seldom hear of their conversion, because it takes the supernatural power of God to convince an infidel. You cannot convince him by reason. He is so steeped in infidelity he exalts human reason and it is impossible for him to believe in the miraculous.

There are some people who have the idea that atheists are a weak and immoral people. Nothing can be farther from the truth. In my opinion the lives of avowed atheists will compare favorably with the lives of other citizens in morality and character. They pride themselves on being too honest to pretend, too honest to be hypocrites. I have, therefore, great respect for an honest unbeliever. He is the man I want to help. We are not out to malign and vilify our former associates. We know that many of them are sincere and honest in their unbelief. We were honest, and were willing to go to jail scores of times, for no worse a thing than holding a street meeting without a permit, or creating a disturbance; they always let us out the next morning. The drunkard knows he is a sinner and needs Christ; the prostitute knows she is a sinner, but

THE MORAL MAN BOASTS

he is just as good as anybody. We boasted of the fact that we did not drink, that we loved our families and were good citizens in favor of every progressive measure for benefiting the people.

While holding meetings from San Diego to Vancouver, speaking in more than sixty churches, we have had the great joy

of seeing more than 300 men and women accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Recently we had the joy of seeing the twenty-fourth avowed infidel saved. We were speaking in a tent on the northeast side, and a young man came up saying, "I heard you in California. I believe like you fellows used to believe. I am just wondering what your racket is." We have heard that often since we have been converted. Our former friends have offered many explanations of our conversion, many thinking we have lost our minds. We are not surprised at that, because we used to think that Christians were all crazy. If you looked through the back numbers of a certain well-known atheistic monthly magazine you would read an article I wrote for that magazine, describing a certain Christian meeting in California. I dropped into the meeting to get material, and heard something about an after-meeting for prayer, and thought it would be worth visiting. There must have been seventy-five or a hundred in that room, and

THEY ALL STARTED TO PRAY

at once, I wrote furiously what some of them said and did. But isn't it strange how God works? I am now like the rest of them. I tell my infidel friends that I have gained my sanity. I was clothed and given my right mind.

This young man came back to the tent the next night and the next. One night when we gave the invitation he held up his hand for prayer. I do not know what was wrong with my faith, but I confess I nearly fell over. The night before last that man came hurrying down the aisle and threw himself at the altar. He said, "Brother Charles, I want the same kind of religion that you have." He was gloriously saved and in giving his testimony said, "Nothing in the world would have convinced me but seeing these two men whom I knew to be the most godless men I knew, and hearing how God saved them." The Lord is able to make the wrath of man to praise Him.

We were down in Los Angeles giving our testimony and we had an interesting time. We went down to the old speaking place. As we walked up, a speaker by the name of Joe Smith was talking, and as he saw us he said, "I am just about through with my speech, and I see standing in the crowd several of our old friends, Martin Charles, editor of *The Godless World*, and Ralph Underwood his associate. I wonder if Mr. Charles would like to say a word this afternoon." That was about a month after I was saved and they had not heard of it. You talk about

DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN!

There were many with whom we had been on speaking tours dozens of times. Maybe you think I didn't pray for help. I got on that soap-box and told them what had happened; that I repudiated everything in *The Godless World*. I told them I found that I was wrong and urged them to get right with God. I spoke to them for about fifteen minutes, and by the time

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In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

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LA IGLESIA HA MUERTO?

By J. H. INGRAM

While walking along one of the thoroughfares in Nogales, Sonora, Mex. a little faded, weather-beaten leaflet fluttering by attracted my attention for some reason. Reaching down to pick it up I discovered that it was a copy of a local Catholic publication, bearing the date of July 27, 1933. The front page was given to an article bearing the title of "La Iglesia ha Mureto" (meaning, The Church is dead). I have translated the same into English for the benefit of our readers, the full text of which is contained in the following:

Persons who are not wanting in giving their illustrations, dare to prophesy that very soon Christendom will have been relegated into oblivion before the stupendous progress of the world. Others with no less instruction assure us that Christianity has been dying day by day. As for such persons, probably the uniting of the world to Russia, or some other nation was the "vanguard," and by civilization they understand that perhaps by building convents, assassinating priests, incarcerating monks, perverting children and throttling with an iron hand of all the dignified rights of man, with others they will be delivered from the old darkness day by day thru the elegancies of modern "supermen." But such assertions have repeatedly proven to be untrue.

Rome, July 4, 1933.—Announcing late press reports, the negotiations between the vatican and Franz, Van Papen, vice chancellor of Germany, with reference to a concordat with the Reich restoring actual agreement individually with the German Federal, states, "The deliberations resulted in an agreement affecting the wishes of both parties, notwithstanding, before it acquires force it must be accepted and approved by the German government. The competent dependencies of Berlin have studied the prospectus of the convention and the mode of the celebration of the concordat which we hope will be held very shortly."

When the great Germany seeks the friendship of the church it without doubt is not dead.

Conclusion by the translator: Associated press dispatches from Berlin under date of Nov. 26, 1933 show where Hitler has been dabbling in the affairs of the church. His latest proposal was to have a united German church composed of Catholic and Protestant alike.

It was thought this great political ruler would by his personal magnetism sweep even the Catholics off their feet into a united state church, but he only made a fool of himself. Earlier reports from "Time" state that Christians are being ar-

rested by the nazis in Germany for distributing tracts entitled "Jesus is our Leader." "Looks like Adolph wants to boss the world."

The recognition of Soviet Russia by the United States may have more to do with the fulfillment of prophecy than some think for. Somehow I could not feel good over the fact that our president was offering the use of his good office to bring about a reconciliation with Red Russia, who is not only opposed to theocracy but to democracy. At any rate we have yoked up in some measure with "gog and magog" and we need to pray for those at the head of our government, who themselves grope in darkness while they endeavor to lead us to the light of a new day dawning upon the horizon of the industrial world. Can you picture Maxim Litvinoff as he rides triumphantly into Washington in his private car which is painted bright red and with the red flag flying, which bears the golden emblems of a hammer and a sickle! Very appropriate, since they are doing so much knocking against Christianity. The hammer serves a good purpose but "no weapon formed against thee shall prosper," Isa. 54:17. The sickle, however, will serve a better purpose a little later on for they are bound to reap what they sow. Read Ezek. 38 and 39 chapters. I know Litvinoff showed a very tolerant spirit when in the presence of our good president and made assuring promises of religious freedom in Russia, but the fact that only 80 out of 413 churches ("Time") remain in Moscow is hard to be accounted for in the face of these promises.

THE CHURCH OF GOD ALIVE

Disregarding the spiritual status of the Catholic church, we may be assured that the Church of God is very much alive, for otherwise the enemy would not be putting up such a stiff fight. But there is a possibility that we have lost our first love to a degree, as did the church at Ephesus (Rev. 2:4), and have been wearied with the journey and become a wee bit sleepy. Paul likened this unto death and told them to awake and rise from the dead, and Christ would give them light. Eph. 5:14. We have the light, let us walk in it, while we bear the same to others who are less fortunate than we. The Church of God has had the light since first organized in 1886 and we have been just going around in a circle here in the home land, just barely made out to venture beyond our coasts a little ways, when we should have and could have had missionaries sailing the seven seas en route to and from their respective fields of labor. We lost out in China, India, and Africa for lack of funds to support missionaries, but I believe our people have

caught a new vision and we are going over the top for Jesus. We do not have to go to Russia as we are faced with similar conditions right here in old Mexico. Just this week the officers gave our people orders not to have any more preaching in their homes or public gatherings for worship under penalty of arrest and imprisonment. Worship in homes must be limited to members of the household, hence the necessity of completing the church at an early date. I just learned that our poor native preacher was five months behind with his house rent (\$75 U. S.) and when the church is done he will have to pay a tax of \$14.40 a month (Mex. money) in order to preach and carry on his work, so please pray and give that this and other worthy needs may be met.

LA IGLESIA EN CAJEME

(The Church in Cah-hay-me)

A paraphrase based upon "The Church in the Wildwood" and sung to the tune of the same, written in Spanish by Mrs. Maria W. Atkinson in behalf of the Church of God in Cindad Obregon, Sonora, Mex., translated into the English by J. H. Ingram. (The name "Cajame" employed in this case, is the original in the Yoqui Indian dialect.)

We have a church very new
Which is near to my native land;
Come and see how the deaf are hearing
Thru the power of His great hand.

CHORUS

Oh, come, come, come to the great Church
of God
Which Christ has bought with His blood,
And be carried up to the heavens
As is promised in His Word.

Oh, come and see how beautiful
To be always praising the Lord;
You will be very happy and contented,
Giving glory to our God.

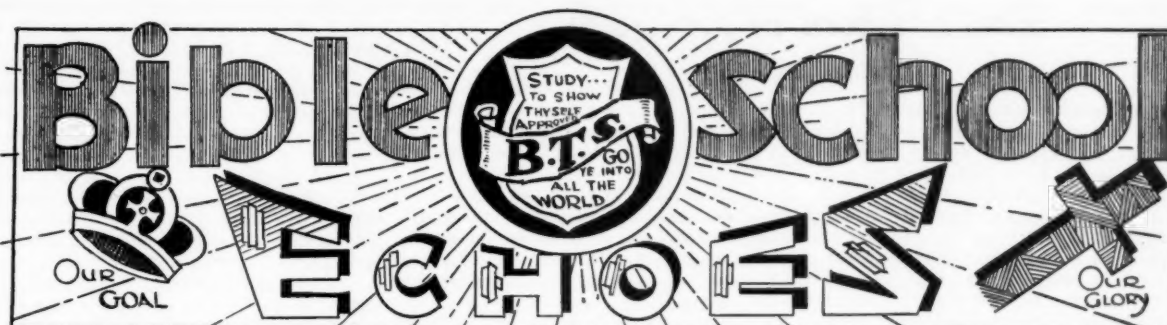
Oh, what smiling there'll be in the morn-
ing
In the great Church of God I sing,
To the tune of the bells over yonder
Never, never to forget that scene.

When I join my Savior in the clouds
Never, never will I bring to mind
The tormentors left in Cajeme (Cah-hay-
me)
For the world I will leave behind.

NOTE: This is my first attempt at translating for the paper, and it is hoped that I have carried the thought which the author wished to convey.—The translator.

WE HAVE THE PRIZE IN VIEW

ROCK SOUND, Eleu, Bah.—I thank God for His wonder working power. I am still on my march for glory, with the prize in view. Saints pray for the healing of my body. I thank Him for Brother White being in our midst and for the wonderful way He has blessed in our two weeks' revival. Pray for us.—Louise Hall.



COMMERCIAL WORK IN B. T. S.

We are about to get down to real work again since Miss Ayre is back. She was sick three or four days of last week. We had a substitute teacher, Miss Ruth Gray, one of Miss Ayre's former students. She helped us quite a bit. We began Practice Set No. 1 in Bookkeeping Monday and the very next day Miss Ayre was on the sick list. Of course if our starting the real work in Bookkeeping made our teacher sick, how could one expect the substitute teacher and the class to survive? However, we are progressing nicely now.

Our class is still holding its own and there are prospects of another student joining us. Miss Elaine Pagenhart is the prospective student. She is a little late but Miss Ayre said that a few private lessons would enable her to step right in line with the class. If Miss Pagenhart joins us we will have a grand total of ten Commercial Students.

While the regular students have been ill at ease about their examinations, for the first six weeks, the Commercial Students have not been worrying, for why should we? We are accustomed to them by this time. Our regular work consists of tests and quizzes nearly every day.

You'll have to admit that we have some industrious and ambitious students in school. There is a student who brings her typewriter to the commercial room and is teaching herself. The funny part about this is that she is really learning to type.

Now it takes industrious, ambitious, courageous people to get along in this world and we feel that she will be rewarded for her efforts.—Wilmon Smith, Commercial Reporter.

The Bible School Quartet, under the supervision of Supt. J. H. Walker, made their first trip to Brother J. L. Goins' district, visiting the churches of Lenoir City, Knoxville and Townsend, Tenn. We received a hearty response and as a result we brought home to the school a trailer load of groceries. Brother Hubbel cooperating 100 per cent, joined us in a house to house canvass, gathering canned fruit, potatoes, pumpkins, etc. Returning from Knoxville district we went to Brother E. M. Ellis' district, visiting Soddy, Daisy and East Chattanooga. We did not get so many groceries on this trip but received a good offering.

Our next trip, we visited the McMinn-

ville district of which Brother T. A. Richard is overseer. The churches visited were Princes Chapel, Black Oak, Casville, Campaign, McMinnville, Ravens Croft, and Bon Air. Bon Air is a little church up on the mountain and its pastor is Brother E. D. Bennett. There we received the largest offering of any church on the district. Brother Bennett is a real booster for the school and has a lively little church.

Brother Luther Richard at Black Oak is to be commended for standing by us in this drive for the school, also Brother Hooper Maxwell, pastor at Campaign, showed a good spirit as well as "pouring in the beans." There are others we will not mention, who we believe did their best to help the school. So we reverently bow our heads and thank God for His goodness to us, and for those who gave their means to support this worthy cause.—Reporter, James McCoy.

THE COST OF ADVANCEMENT

Text: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time," 1 Pet. 5:6.

This Christian life is one of constant growth and advancement. To stand still is to die, so we must press onward in order to advance. We first get saved and if we do not keep seeking until we have obtained the Holy Ghost, or if we do not walk in the light, we are liable to lose out. It is often said, "He who advances has first to begin."

Humility, too, I think, plays a great part in the cost of advancement. Webster says that humility is the state or quality of being humble in spirit, freedom from pride and arrogance. If we possess humility we do not think too highly of ourselves and we are modest and unpretending, so let us also humble ourselves.

To do this we must first see that we have taken too exalted a position. It is not easy to volunteer and come down and take a lower place but it takes inward power. For example, Moses was an adopted grandson of the king, thus he was educated in all the wisdom and knowledge of the Egyptians and a possibility of advancement was before him, but Moses, after he was come to years, chose rather to suffer with the children of God. Heb.

11:24-26 says, "By faith Moses when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." If we would all be as humble as Moses and just come down and do our part, little or big, we would advance faster. After a few years we find Moses out herding sheep when he could have been faring well in the king's home and maybe would have been king himself some day, but he felt that his lot was to suffer with the children of God, and by so doing he gained great favor with God.

Exaltation comes when the heart is ready. It is God who lifts up and when we are able to stand God will exalt us. Sometimes we wonder why some of our good, spiritual members have to be sick, etc. It seems that if they were well they could be so much help to the Church. Then we look on the other hand and think, if they were well they might not be that humble, good Christian that they are now, so we must remember that God does all things well.

One reason we are in Bible School is for advancement. We want to learn how to advance so we will be more efficient workers for Jesus in the future. Please pray for me that I may be faithful and always be found working for Him.—A B. T. S. student, Eva Mae Whittington, Anderson, S. C.

PRAISE HIM FOR HIS HEALING POWER

OPEKISKA, W. Va.—Dear brothers and sisters, sometime ago I had a severe cold which seemed to grow worse, and I also had a pain in my right lung. I have had tuberculosis and have not been as well as I should. I wrote a request to the Evangel and shortly afterward the cold broke and I was soon over it and the pain left me.

I have since been to a tubercular clinic and the doctor pronounced me in good shape and able to work. I praise Him for His healing power. I ask the saints to continue to pray for me for I am not as strong in faith as I should be.—A brother in Christ, John Freeman Brand.

Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

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tory. But if you would allow Him to have His way He would take your crutches away from you, and put you and the devil right out on the front square and let you have a good fight. If you used the power of faith and prayer you would come out winner. God provided for Paul to use it, and he used it to a great success, bursting forth in language of thanksgiving, saying, "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place," 2 Cor. 2:14.

ITS RESULT MATERIALLY

The material effect upon Paul was as indicated by his own testimony, that it brought infirmities, reproaches, necessities, persecutions, and distresses for Christ's sake. After God had informed him that his "grace was made perfect in weakness," he willingly submits to God's ways and exclaims, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me," V. 9. "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak then am I strong," V. 10. Who cannot but here see that the apostle attributes all the above mentioned trials and testings unto Satan angel who had been sent to buffet him. If he might not glory in his revelation lest he be exalted, in that God had reversed the situation, then he might glory and take pleasure in the things that humiliated him and revealed his human weakness and need of divine grace, that through them he might have occasion to glory because of God's grace and wonderful deliverance through the power of his grace and the Holy Spirit. 2 Tim. 4:17-18.

RESULTS OF SATAN'S BUFFETING MULTIPLIED

We must notice (1) that Satan's buffet made the apostle weak, (2) that it caused infirmities, (3) reproaches, (4) necessities because of hardships, (5) persecution because of enmity, (6) distresses because of divers conditions. The apostle mentions a long list of these in the 11th chapter, 23 to 30 verses, after which he deducts that "if I must needs glory I will glory of the things that concern my infirmities." These things brought about the power of God to bear upon his servant by which he was kept and delivered. A complete analysis of the whole situation is found in Isa. 55:8 where God has reversed man's way; through the highness of his own ways being substituted He abases us that He may exalt us. He permits us to be buffeted that He may love and deliver us and manifest unto us His tender care.

ITS SPIRITUAL BENEFIT

The very purpose of it right from the outset was to prevent exaltation. Whatever prevented exaltation of the human, promoted and exalted the inner man spiritually. God had forbidden that any flesh

should glory in His presence. Therefore He provided for us that "he that glorieth let him glory in the Lord" 1 Cor. 1:29-31. "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Jesus Christ," Gal. 6:14. The whole intention and purport of the apostle's suffering was to promote his spiritual welfare, and is in harmony with the whole law of sacrifice and suffering for and with Christ. "If we suffer with him we shall also reign with him." It was a part of the plan and purpose of God from the beginning of his apostolic calling, Acts 9:16. Such buffeting by Satan and suffering is common to all Christians. Dr. Scofield says, "Paul's particular 'thorn' is not described that his consolations may avail for all to whom any thorn is given." This is particularly true of the latter clause of his statement, but I am of the opinion that verse 10 both enumerates and defines the result of such a thorn.

DISCIPLES VANITY

Man was made subject to vanity, Rom. 8:20. we are therefore not immune to the poison of pride though we be Christians. Therefore, to guard against pride and exaltation, which would hinder the progress of the soul, this thorn was given. It is also vitally necessary that such a thorn might be given to all of us, and what is more is that we have such to contend with: but for our own benefit. Original sin was the cause of all suffering, it is obviously here shown forth that Satan's buffet was some stroke at us to cause us to continue to suffer because of sin in the very beginning of the creation. But what differeth it, if grace avails to bear up under the suffering thus caused? The weight of a burden becomes light as we are supernaturally borne up under it. We have not merited this grace given for such suffering; it is free. The apostle refers to it as resting "upon me," as if he were covered with a panoply or tent to cover him from the scorching sun.

CONCLUSION: May we not learn with the apostle "that when (we) I am weak, then am I strong," and "that all things work together for good to them that love God," Rom. 8:28.

FROM MILITANT ATHEISM TO THE MILITANT CHURCH

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I was finished, the leader and almost the entire crowd had silently disappeared.

As a result of that meeting some one started the report that some rich Christian woman paid us ten thousand dollars to renounce atheism and preach the Gospel, and that she sends us a check every month. Some one between that woman and us must have obtained that ten thousand, and those checks, because we never saw a penny of it. The first two months after we were saved, Brother Underwood and I missed more meals and came near-

er starving to death than we ever expect to in our lives; but the Lord didn't let us starve.

We did not become convinced of God through our intellect, hearing, or by reading books, but through experience. The change wrought has been miraculous and we believe everything in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. A little while before we left California one of my atheist friends came to me and said, "Now that you have found God perhaps you can tell me about

THE TRADITIONS AND MISTAKES in the Bible." I told him I did not pretend to know everything about the Bible; that if I knew everything, I'd know that somebody no smarter than I wrote it. He asked me that threadbare question, "Where did Cain get his wife?" I said, "To be perfectly frank with you, I do not know, but if you are going to bring up a difficulty, it also says he built a city and called it Enoch. Where did he get the people to make a city of? I do not know, but when I get to Heaven, if Cain is up there I will call on him and ask him where he got his wife and all the people who lived in the city he built." The infidel smirked, and said, "Well, just suppose Cain isn't there." "Then," I said, "you can ask him."

Then he asked me about one story after another of the miracles in the Bible, all of which I said I believed, though I could not account for them outside the supernatural power of God. I told him I believed in a God who could do impossible things. When a miracle of grace has been wrought in your own heart you will find it easy to believe in the miracles of the Bible. My own conversion was a greater miracle to me than any of the miracles of the Bible. Every genuine conversion is a miracle. Strange as it may seem, on the 2nd of August, 1932, a man who said there was no God, found God at two o'clock in the morning, and from that night until this, he has never questioned

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or the inspiration of the Scriptures. When God saved me He enabled me to win my friend and associate to Jesus Christ—a young man who had never before said a prayer in all his life, a born rebel who hated everything connected with Christianity; a young man who would not talk to any preacher five minutes without insulting him. But God saved him and our daily prayer is that our testimonies of the marvelous grace of God will be used to undo some of the harm we have done in our earlier years.—The Gospel Herald.

REVIVED AND ENCOURAGED

COFFEYVILLE, Kans.—I praise the Lord for sending our pastor, Brother A. R. Martin, to Coffeyville. I am made to think of Esther 4:14 and I truly believe he came in the will of the Lord as the saints have been revived and consecrated thru the precious Word of God we have heard from time to time. We are beginning a revival. Let every reader pray for us, that many souls may be gathered into the garner for the Master.—Mrs. James E. Martin, 701 E. 11th St.,

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

HONEA PATH, S. C.—I thank the Lord for His saving power and how He will keep us every day. I thank the Lord for the way He has provided for us a building to worship in and for our pastor. Pray that the work in Honea Path will prosper and grow in grace.

We have paid our forty cents per member here in Honea Path, S. C. and have sent it to Brother Zeno C. Sharp, Greenville, S. C., state treasurer for this fund.—Vernie Harvey.

ROCHESTER, Tex.—We are having a wonderful time in a meeting here. As many as twenty-five have been saved and sanctified, and twenty or more have received the Holy Ghost. We are starting a revival at Needmor tonight. Please pray for us that God might have His way.—Ed Yancey.

TURTLE CREEK, Pa.—Evangelist Helen L. Morrow has just closed a two weeks revival at the Free Gospel Mission here with Rev. F. T. Casley as pastor. Almost every night the church was full, and on Thanksgiving Day and Sunday following it was packed to its capacity. The evangelist is a real handmaiden of the Lord, with a great passion for souls. She has endeared herself to our hearts. She says that because of the unity of the Spirit this has been the easiest place to preach. The soul stirring messages gripped many. Fifty souls were saved and one received the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. On Thanksgiving afternoon Brother Wm. Morrow preached an inspiring message. For the next two weeks Sister Morrow will preach in McVeasport, Pa. and all the saints are asked to pray for a mighty ingathering of souls there.—H. G. Hug.

BANGOR, Me.—The church was set in order here on Sunday evening, Nov. 26, by state overseer H. W. Potest, with nine members. Six new members were added to the church and three were transferred from other churches.—Ruth Lunt, clerk.

PETERSBURG, W. Va.—Dear Evangel readers, God blessed our little band in permitting us to attend the great Assembly at Cleveland, Tenn. I did not realize just what the Church of God really was until I attended the Assembly. I praise the dear Lord for the great Church of God and orphans' home. As we listened to the program my heart went out for them and I made a vow to God that if He would be with us and prosper us when we got back on the field, we would take up an offering in every revival we conducted, for the orphans. Our first offering was \$4.00, for this we thank the Lord. Come on, preachers everywhere on the field, let us remember those dear children at Cleveland and take one offering in each meeting we conduct and send it in to make the children

rejoice. God will bless your efforts.—Your brother in Christ, H. E. Ramsey.

HIWASSEE, Tenn.—We have closed another ten days' meeting at Hiwassee Church of God. This was one of the greatest revivals the church has had here in fifteen years. The old stones revived to a high pitch. Greater interest was manifested among the saints than for years. About thirteen were saved, six sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, nine added to the church, and several to be baptized in water. We are trying to get our people to pay their 40c per member, and are working at the mission cause. Money is hard to get here but we are putting forth an effort. Pray for us.—Your brother, W. A. Walker, Madisonville, Tenn.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me and because He still has a few people at Phoenix who are standing for truth and right. We have no public place of worship but we meet in my mother's house. We have reorganized our Sunday School and had twenty-one the first Sunday. We are looking to God to increase our number. Brother Ingram came by to see us on his way to Old Mexico. It always does our hearts good to see him and be with him awhile. Pray that God will work at this place and send us an outpouring of the Spirit. We can feel the Spirit when we meet together but we want a real revival here like we read of in so many places. There are several Pentecostal churches here but the Church of God people can't feel at home at these churches.—A sister who loves the Lord and His Church, C. Lucile Wilkie, Rt. 1, Box 167.

KENTWOOD, La.—Several months ago we organized a Y. P. E. here with twelve members. We now have eighteen. We have our meetings on Friday night and have a wonderful time with the Lord. We have learned a good many new songs and lots from the Bible. We are going to put on a good Christmas program to show what the Y. P. E. is really doing here. We ask each one to pray for our success at Kentwood.—A willing worker, Hester Wales.

PELZER, S. C.—The Church of God at Pelzer has gone over the top in our 40c per member drive. We are expecting to go over the top at Belton in a few days.—J. A. Hanvey, pastor.

ASHEVILLE Dist., N. C.—The Y. P. E. service of this district convened Nov. 27 with Brother R. E. Hamilton, pastor of West Asheville, in charge. Words cannot express the gratitude in our hearts to God for the wonderful time we had. As the saints began to assemble from all directions the power of God was poured out without measure. Some wonderful mes-

sages were given by the presidents of the different churches. We were favored with a large delegation and oh, such a feeling of fellowship and love! Surely God's approval was on this service. It is impossible to report all the good messages, string music, and special songs by the different quartets. At the close of the day when we bade each other good-bye we realized this all day meeting had created in our hearts a determination to be better soldiers in this warfare for Jesus.—Cleta Mae Jennings.

REFORM, Ala.—We thank the Lord for the way He blessed here at the tabernacle the past year. We had a two weeks' revival in July. Our pastor was in charge. Brother Edgar Hodo helped the last week. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Six were saved, eight sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church and five baptized in water. After the revival seven more were saved, eight sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, ten added to the church and ten baptized in water. Brother R. G. Griffin is our pastor for another year. We all love him and his wife. He is a wonderful preacher and God called man and his wife is a splendid worker for the Lord. Pray that we will stand true to God and many more souls will be saved here the coming year.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. W. B. Davis, Rt. 1, Reform, Ala.

WASHINGTON, N. C.—We are here pastoring the church on the camp ground. We have found some more real children of God over here. They stand for the Church of God and her teachings. They have no parsonage but you would think so if you could see how nicely they have fixed for us here near the church. We haven't needed anything we didn't get. We thank the Lord for the good fellowship with these good people. Brother Stephens has visited us and we were glad. He asked Brother Pinion to see after this district and there is plenty to do. If any of you evangelists want to work and will stand foursquare for the Church of God, come around this way, we need you. We have one revival going now at Alligoads. God is blessing. Pray for us over here and for my body.—Bessie Pinion, Rt. 3.

APPALACHIA, Va.—We have secured the Pentecostal Stone church here and will begin revival services Dec. 11, D. V. We solicit the prayers of the Evangel family for an old time, reconstructive revival. This is a ripe field for the Church.

I would like to get in touch with an evangelist (man and wife) with fundamental constructive evangelistic methods and musical talent. State number of years' experience in the evangelistic field and the names of two state or district overseers with whom you have labored. Must hold accredited license with the Church of God. Communicate with me at P. O. Box 606, Coeburn, Va., P. W. Hadsock, Appalachia district overseer.

❖ Sunday School Lesson ❖

A VISION OF WORLD PEACE

Lesson 13—December 24

Text: Isa. 11:1-9.

Memory Verse: Isa. 9:6b.

Time: Isaiah prophesied about 740-700 B. C.

Place: Isaiah lived in Jerusalem.

Golden Text: The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Isa. 11:9a.

Leading Thought: The coming of the Messiah was in the plan of God from the fall of man and was foretold by many Bible prophets.

A CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS THE MESSIAH PROMISED

V. 1. "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse." Unlike the final hypocrites who "devoured widows' destruction of Assyria which being cut houses." "And reprove with equity for the down sends out no "shoot," chap. 10:33, meek of the earth." He will decide with 34, the kingdom of Israel though wasted equality in favor of the meek of whom it thru wickedness, Isa. 9:18, 19, and for ages is written, "Blessed are the meek for they hidden from sight, shall suddenly sprout shall inherit the earth." The earth will be forth again, Job 14:7, 9. Jesse, the father in His power and the present rule of of David, was the ancestor of the royal hoarded riches and capitalist terror will seed of Judah, also an ancestor of our be entirely abolished and the earth and its Lord. "And the branch shall grow out of fulness, which was created by and belongs his roots." The reference is to the shoot to the Lord, shall be shared equally with or sprout as growing from a stump. Even His people. "And He shall smite the earth so the kingdom of God which Isaiah saw with the rod of his mouth." The reference will grow out of the primary stages of the is to the slaying of the wicked with the kingdom and ancient glory of David. Spirit of His mouth, Chap. 29:20. Mal.

V. 2. "And the Spirit of the Lord shall 4:6 refers to such a change as will be effected upon him." Compare Matt. 3:16; Luke 2:40; 4:1, 14, 18; John 3:34. The sanctifying and enlightening influences of the Holy Spirit were to rest upon Christ in at who to spare is the same as mentioned in least seven different ways but never quitting or leaving Him. "The spirit of wisdom dom has in it no place for weakness and and understanding." The Spirit seems to the vengeance against sin will leave no operate on and thru Him in the same portion against which His righteous Word sense it does His gifted leaders in the does not execute judgment. Church, 1 Cor. 12:8-11. This was remarkable true of Christ. "Never man spake like girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the this Man." "The spirit of counsel and of girdle of his reins." Christ as King will might." That is, power to scheme and originate putting such counsel into force as an of earth, such as breastplate, and greaves, act. "The spirit of knowledge and the fear nor will He carry a sword. The power of of the Lord." Christ as a King will not His Spirit will be His protection and the only know Jehovah, but will fear Him force which He will deal with His enemies. Righteousness shall ever be with Divine will in the earth. The fear of the Him for He is righteous in all His ways Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Thus His and holy in all of His works, Psa. 145:17. Righteousness and faithfulness are the development of characteristics formerly men- principles by which His government will function. "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

THE CHARACTER OF HIS REIGN

V. 3. "And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord." Here is a seventh characteristic of the Spirit of God which seems to correspond in some sense to Rev. 1:4 where the seven the Spirits of Jehovah are had in reference. Here is the connection of the essential fullness of the Godhead, Col. 2:9; John 5:20, the ferocious beasts will be tamed to the 27. "He shall not judge after the sight of extent that they shall dwell with each other. The lamb and the leopard shall lie of his ears." God seeth the heart. 1 Sam. down with the kid. The leopard preyed 16:7; Matt. 9:4; Heb. 4:12. With such mostly on kids though sometimes they power of discernment there is no need to attacked men as they prowled around the

judge from outward appearances, John 7:24. If all mankind was able to discern each other's hearts, it would be possible for them to love each other. The ability of Christ permits Him to love us because He understands and knows our needs. "He knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin."

V. 4. "But with righteousness shall He judge the poor." A part of His mission as recorded in Isa. 61:1, 2, was "to preach good tidings to the poor." His righteous reign will necessarily eliminate all oppression and injustice. His ministry of healing and caring for the poor while on earth is an earnest advance of the kingdom age.

While here on earth He sternly rebuked the hypocrites who "devoured widows' destruction of Assyria which being cut houses." "And reprove with equity for the down sends out no "shoot," chap. 10:33, meek of the earth." He will decide with 34, the kingdom of Israel though wasted equality in favor of the meek of whom it thru wickedness, Isa. 9:18, 19, and for ages is written, "Blessed are the meek for they hidden from sight, shall suddenly sprout shall inherit the earth." The earth will be forth again, Job 14:7, 9. Jesse, the father in His power and the present rule of of David, was the ancestor of the royal hoarded riches and capitalist terror will seed of Judah, also an ancestor of our be entirely abolished and the earth and its Lord. "And the branch shall grow out of fulness, which was created by and belongs his roots." The reference is to the shoot to the Lord, shall be shared equally with or sprout as growing from a stump. Even His people. "And He shall smite the earth so the kingdom of God which Isaiah saw with the rod of his mouth." The reference will grow out of the primary stages of the is to the slaying of the wicked with the kingdom and ancient glory of David. Spirit of His mouth, Chap. 29:20. Mal.

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THE PEACEFULNESS OF HIS KINGDOM

V. 6. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb." The fierce and ravening beasts are found in all parts of Palestine, but in the peaceful kingdom of Christ even the ferocious beasts will be tamed to the 27. "He shall not judge after the sight of extent that they shall dwell with each other. The lamb and the leopard shall lie of his ears." God seeth the heart. 1 Sam. down with the kid. The leopard preyed 16:7; Matt. 9:4; Heb. 4:12. With such mostly on kids though sometimes they power of discernment there is no need to attacked men as they prowled around the

villages. They usually made their home in the mountains. "And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together." Lions were common in Palestine especially in the forest. These would attack sheep, calves, other beasts, and also men. Any of the tame animals might have been fatalities and would be especially desirable as objects of prey for the lion. We may gather from such reconciliation of wild beasts that they are now dominated over by the spirit of Satan which will be subdued when he is bound and cast in the bottomless pit, Rev. 20:2. "And a little child shall lead them." A little child in its humility and trustfulness will not only be admitted into the kingdom of heaven, but will lead the most powerful wild beasts by means of supreme authority.

V. 7. "The cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox." With the satanic spirit now bound the animals no longer desire to attack each other for the purpose of food. The result is natural that they must turn to the vegetable kingdom for food.

V. 8. "And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp." Rather by the hole. The asp is a venomous serpent of Egypt and Palestine, living in holes and akin to the deadly cobra. "And the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den." The cockatrice is a deadly serpent something of the same kind as the asp. These are all alike affected by the binding of Satan and a manifestation of the righteous reign of the Messiah.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HIS KINGDOM

V. 9. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain." A possible reference to Mt. Zion in Jerusalem or the whole hill country of Palestine. However, I prefer to think it a reference to the establishment of the kingdom of Jesus Christ in the earth, Isa. 2:3; 30:29; Micah 4:2; Zech. 8:3. As in the light of these references Jerusalem and the whole earth are closely united. Compare also Dan. 2:35. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." The fact that the subject broadens to include the earth is strong evidence that "the holy mountain" mentioned does not confine itself alone to Mt. Zion or Palestine, but rather reveals that such references are but a miniature form of the kingdom of Christ which shall eventually cover the whole earth, the ruling power of which will be love from the presence of God's Spirit and His righteousness.

NEW FIELD STIRRED

BELGRADE, Mo.—We praise the Lord for the four weeks' meeting here a short time ago. This is a new field for the Church of God and we had much opposition but God gave the victory. One was reclaimed and is seeking the Holy Ghost. We were glad to have Brother Milligan, our state overseer, with us three nights. He preached soul stirring messages. The young people from Cantwell rendered good singing. Please pray that souls will be saved here.—Carrie Stringer.

DEATH NOTICES

MULLINS

Mrs. Joe Mullins, Cascilla, Miss., died Dec. 5, 1933. She passed away peacefully.

ROBBINS

On Nov. 6, 1933 the death angel visited our home and claimed our darling little Evelyn and took her home to be with Jesus. She was six years and nine months of age. Funeral service was conducted by our faithful pastor, Brother W. M. Wood, and her little body was laid to rest at the Dora Church of God cemetery. If any sister wants to write to me I will appreciate it.—Written by one who dearly loves her, her mother, Idelthia Robbins, Sumiton, Ala.

HEATH

(Evangelist)

Sister Annie Baldwin Heath died Sept. 15, 1933 at Montgomery, Ala. She was the wife of S. J. Heath. Age fifty-eight years, nine months and two days. She was the daughter of Professor and Mrs. Dan Baldwin. Her father gave her a thorough musical education which added greatly to her life work as a minister. She was married to S. J. Heath May 19, 1895 at East Point, Ga. by Rev. J. I. Oxford. They were members of the Methodist Church in their early Christian life. In the year of 1917 God graciously and wonderfully filled Sister Heath with the Spirit. They became members of the Church of God in Atlanta, Ga. and were licensed to preach in the year of 1918. They made their first trip in the evangelistic work to South Georgia.

Brother and Sister Heath were well known in many states and were loved and admired by thousands of people. They were Bible students as well as musicians. They were overseers of the states of Alabama and Mississippi and Sister Heath was selected by the Board of Education to teach piano in the Church of God Bible Training School at Cleveland, Tennessee for the term of 1933-34. It was a great disappointment to the faculty when she passed away for we felt that she would have proven a great blessing to the school. They filled many other important positions in the Church. When they felt the call to the ministry they sold all their earthly possessions and launched out fully trusting God. Many souls were blessed under their ministry and there are many ministers now in the Church who are their converts; in fact, some of the best ministers we have were converted in their meetings. I do not think I have ever met a more devout Christian than Sister Heath.

Her funeral was preached by S. W. Latimer and J. H. Walker at Morgantown, Miss., on Sept. 17, 1933 and she was laid to rest in the Morgantown Cemetery

beside our precious Brother Heath. They had made Morgantown their home for several years and their many Christian friends count it a great honor to have them laid away in their beautiful, quiet little city.

She leaves to mourn her death one brother, Len C. Baldwin of Marietta, and two half brothers.

The Church lost one of the best workers in her death and while we hated to give her up, yet we realize that it was God's goodness to take her from this world of sorrow and plant her in the garden of Paradise where she can bask in the light of His presence and rest from her labors forever.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

CRIME

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This staggering sum which the racketeers levy on our people represents a yearly tax of \$100 to \$150 on every man, woman, and child in the United States, while according to the latest statistics, the total Federal, State, and local taxes amount to \$78.26.

Today 120,000 crimson-handed assassins are roaming at large in this country. It is estimated that 400,000 citizens make their living mostly through crime, constituting a Scarlet Army three times the size of the Regular Army of the United States. America is today stigmatized as the most lawless nation on earth, in which life, body, and property are less secure than in any other civilized country in the world.

So frightful have crime conditions become in America, that The United States Flag Association is now concentrating all

its time, efforts, and resources on combating lawlessness, and with this end in view has inaugurated a Crusade Against Crime to be conducted under the sponsorship of The National Council of 76.—Gospel Herald.

NEW FIELD FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD

GALLANT, Ala.—We have just closed a few days' revival on Lookout Mountain in Alabama, four miles from Cloudland, Ga. for which we give God all the praise. Without Him we can do nothing. This was a new field for the Church of God doctrine, but when we began fasting and praying and giving out the Word the best we could with the help of the Lord, people began crying, praying, and coming thru to God. Fourteen were saved, eight sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 and at the close of the meeting the altar was filled with souls crying and praying to God.

This is the first meeting I ever tried to conduct and am young in the way, only had the Holy Ghost two years, but God wonderfully undertook for us and gave the victory. Fire was successfully handled during the meeting and God blessed in a special way for which we give Him the praise.

They are planning on building a tabernacle to have services in as there isn't a Church of God nearer than twelve miles. Pray that God will bless their efforts and make this a soul saving station for God. Please pray for us that we will be able to do what God would have us do and stay in the center of His precious will and be ready when He comes or calls.—Your humble brother in Christ, Lonnie Galloway.

Minutes of the 28th Annual Assembly now Ready!

The Minutes of the General Assembly constitute a source of information concerning the growth, government, and teachings of the Church of God. Every minister should have a copy to keep himself informed on the above subjects and to avoid getting out of harmony with such rulings and regulations as the General Assembly has adopted for its general welfare. Each clerk should likewise have a copy; and the General Assembly has ruled "that each local church be required to provide clerks with the Minute yearly."

APPLICANTS TO THE MINISTRY

A thorough study of the Minutes is also a part of the qualifications of an applicant to the ministry, which reads as follows, "We recommend that applicants for the ministry make a thorough study of the teachings of the Church of God and the rulings of the General Assembly before being set forth by the local church."

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We have a few hundred copies of last year's Minutes left and will reduce the price while they last to

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\$1.00. This still holds good (better late than never) for the coming Council, and the same be turned over to the Ministers' Emergency Funds.

Also the proper time for the C. of G. Y. P. E. session would be April 8th, and the Assembly from the 9th to 15th. It is further advised that all pastors give special attention to your charges in order that each come to the Assembly with a good and rounded report. No reports, no appointments! How is that? It is also advisable that the Y. P. E. program be combined with the associations and likewise the Sunday School, therefore, it becomes necessary that each official begin the arrangements of your program.—With best wishes for a grand Assembly and wishing you the season's compliments, I remain faithfully yours in the Master's service, J. H. Curry, overseer of colored work.

Those wishing to write me address Soddy, Tenn.—W. S. Wilemon.

Whereas many of our preachers, who of course are not permanently located, and a good number of the laity, who do not have a local church near them, have their membership here on account of this being the Headquarters of the Church of God, we take this means to appeal to each of such members to please send your 40c on the General Indebtedness to Brother F. G. Chambers, Poplar St., Cleveland, Tenn. as he is the treasurer of the local church. Please give this your immediate attention as we do not want to fall short in this drive.—M. P. Cross, pastor.

To the ministers and members of the Church in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Canada. This is to notify you that my address is Grams Apt., No. 12, 3rd St. N. E., Minot, N. Dak. We will be in North Dakota before Christmas. Will be in Wahpeton Dec. 17th and in Lemmon Dec. 24th, over Christmas. We have had good meetings in Maryland and the Lord has blessed us, giving us souls.—Your brother, Paul H. Walker.

A revival will begin at Eldorado, Ill. at exactly twelve o'clock midnight, Dec. 31, 1933 and on the moment of Jan. 1, 1934. The Holy Ghost is working in our midst in a marvelous way and a great revival is anticipated. We are expecting our state overseer and his wife to be with us and all others whom God may send will be welcome. It is very probable that the church age will come to a close before 1934 expires, and we wish to begin the year with a sweeping victory and a Holy Ghost revival. We are expecting Jesus to appear for the presentation of His Church any moment and we would like to be in a great revival when He comes. Let us pray for a universal revival among God's people, and please don't forget to pray for us at Eldorado. Looking for His soon coming, we solicit your prayers that we may be ready.—J. P. Hughes.

REQUESTS

Dear saints everywhere, we ask you to remember the town of Warrenton, N. C. when you pray, that God will bless us with a building.—Your brother in Christ, John H. McDowell.

Dear Evangel readers, I request prayer for my little girl. She has some kind of disease behind each ear. We believe the Lord will heal her. We have been trusting God for our healing almost three years.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. E. Beard, West Devon, P.E.I.

We have moved to Hickory Grove, S. C. and taken the work. Wife and I have been sick with flu ever since. Please pray for us, that we may be healed as we have much to do here. Also pray for the Lord to give us souls.—Yours as ever, J. M. Donald.

I am asking all the saints to pray a special prayer for me. I am a little girl twelve years old and am a member of the Church of God. I have T. B. of the lungs. Please pray for God to heal me to His glory.—Edna Wolsey, Tucson, Ariz.

THE ENEMY IS STIRRED

PETTUS, W. Va.—I thank the Lord for salvation and for our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Otis Basden. I praise the Lord for the service last night. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Pray that this church will rise and shine for the Lord.—G. O. Marr, clerk.

IN MEMORY

Of our husband and father, Wallace Parsley, by Mrs. Mae Parsley

There is one who has from us gone,
A face we loved so well;
A place is vacant in our home,
A voice we loved is still.

We miss the smile, the sunny smile,
That always seemed to cheer;
I miss a companion's tender love
That was to me so dear.

A father's love we miss so much,
A companion's tender care,
But by the grace of God above
We'll meet him over there.

We miss him in the church
And in the choir where oft he sang,
But he has fought the fight of faith
And heaven is his gain.

He said, I hate to leave you, Dear,
But I must go to the great beyond;
You must not weep and mourn for me,
For I am going home.

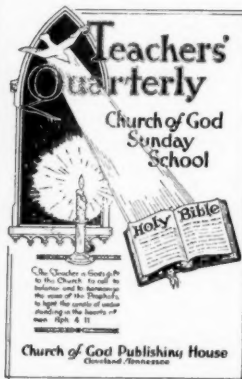
I am going to that home of love
Where sickness never comes;
If you to God will be true,
We soon shall meet above.

I'm sure we'll clasp glad hands again
And view the river fair;
We'll stand beneath the tree of life
And eat its fruit so rare.

God knows best, I do not doubt,
He does what's best I'm sure;
God will not have the vile nor proud,
But takes the good and pure.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

It is now time to order Sunday School literature again. It will be very necessary to avoid the delay caused by congested mails during the holiday season which can alone be done by your order for literature reaching us in time to be filled in order to reach you before crowded Christmas mails.



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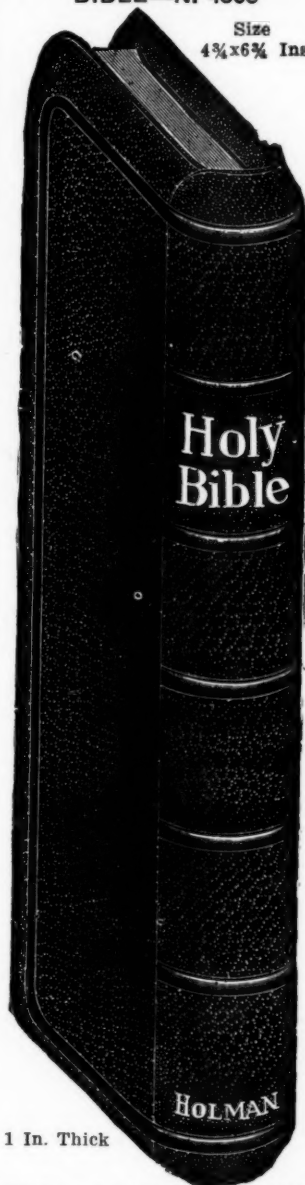
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